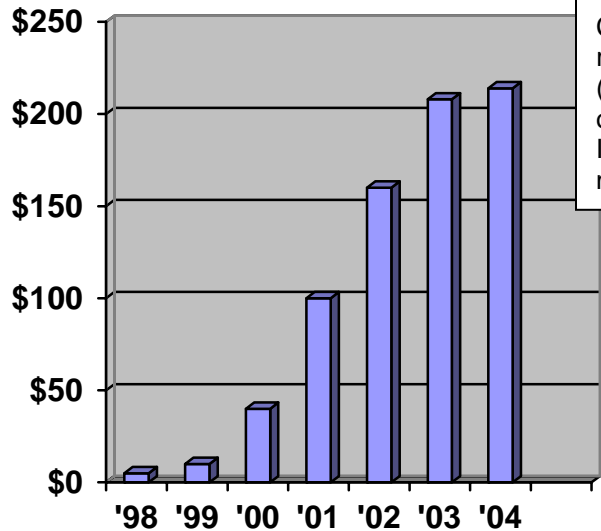


## Istook's Work Brings Medical Research Dollars to OK

As the most senior Republican on the Labor, Health and Human Services Appropriations Subcommittee, Congressman Ernest Istook has been working for years to end the bias which, in the past, was awarding 93% of federal medical research to only 24 states—leaving only 7% for Oklahoma and the 25 other states.

Due to Istook's work over the past seven years, \$214 million has been reserved this year for Oklahoma and these other states—an amount that is growing each year to end the long-time imbalance.

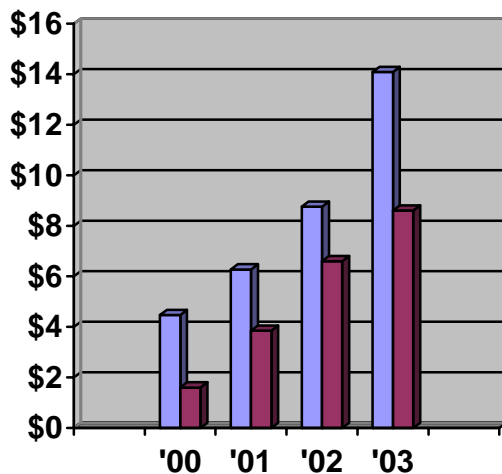


The EPSCoR / IDeA (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) was created to provide a pool of research monies for which only certain states are eligible (states that have received less funding per capita than other states for medical research). Istook has successfully pushed to increase funding from \$5 million in 1998 to \$214 million in 2004.

■ Total EPSCoR funding

Istook introduced legislation requiring NIH to allocate \$200 million annually [of its approximately \$15-billion budget] toward Oklahoma and the other 25 states who previously had been snubbed.

As of 2003, Oklahoma had competed for and received over \$35 million in federal grants from this program (more than any other state in the country).



■ OK EPSCoR grants  
■ Avg EPSCoR state grants

*“More medical research dollars mean better jobs and better health care. For too many years, federal medical grants were going mostly to a handful of states, at Oklahoma's expense. Now thanks to quality medical researchers in Oklahoma, we're making great progress.”*

- Congressman Ernest Istook